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INTERNET CONNECTION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Internet Subscribers in rural as well as urban areas of Orissa;

(b) whether the demand for Internet Connection has increased in the State; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to ensure Internet Connection to every subscriber?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The number of Internet Subscribers in Orissa Telecom Circle was 44037 (as on 31.3.2005) based on reports submitted by Internet Service Providers (ISPs).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), who is the largest ISP in Orissa Telecom Circle, have taken adequate steps to ensure that Internet Access is available at local call rates to subscribers of all rural and urban exchanges in Orissa. In addition, ISP licences have been issued to private companies many of whom are providing Internet Services in Orissa.